

Remarks

Examiner's Interview

The applicants thank the Examiner for his courtesy extended during a telephonic interview with the undersigned on November 16, 2006, and thank the Examiner for making the Examiner's Amendments to the Claims and the Specification after the interview.

All claims were discussed, and agreements were reached. The undersigned authorized the Examiner to make an Examiner's amendment to cancel the non-elected claims 38-46. The undersigned also authorized the Examiner to amend the specification to recite the language regarding the claimed water-dispersible binding agents, which were originally incorporated by reference from U.S. Patent No. 5,476,580.

Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.312

Based on the agreement reached between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner made an Examiner's amendment to the specification and added a paragraph at page 4 of the specification, after paragraph [0014]. The applicants have amended this paragraph to correct one typographical error and to make the first sentence identical to the relevant part in claim 1. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Conclusion

This paper is accompanying the payment of issue. The applicants respectfully request the Examiner and the Director to enter the amendments under 37 CFR § 1.312.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fees or credit overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,



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